

The claims are 1-27. Claim 14 was amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 16 was amended to be in independent form and to correct a typographical error. For the Examiner's convenience all of the pending claims are included. No new matter has been added.

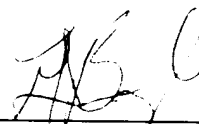
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**Version with Markings to Show Changes**

14. (amended) A purified aggrecanase polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8.

16. (amended) A purified aggrecanase polypeptide produced by the steps of

- a) culturing a cell transformed with a DNA molecule [according to claim 4] comprising a DNA sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7;  
and
- b) recovering and purifying from said culture medium a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 8.



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